IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS TYLER DIVISION

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§ Case No. 6:20-cv-620-JDK-JDL
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ORDER ADOPTING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

This case was referred to United States Magistrate Judge John D. Love pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636. On August 4, 2021, Judge Love issued a Report and Recommendation recommending that the Court grant Defendants' motion to dismiss (Docket No. 31) as to Plaintiff's ADA, HIPAA, and Texas Medical Records Privacy Act ("TMRPA") claims against Defendants Rolin McPhee, Chi Ping Stephen Ha, Keith Covington, Mary Ann Miller, Robin Edwards, and Dwayne Archer (collectively the "Individual Defendants"), dismissing those claims with prejudice. Judge Love also recommended that the Court dismiss Plaintiff's § 1983 claims against the Individual Defendants and Defendant the City of Longview with prejudice pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii). Docket No. 41. The Report was mailed to Plaintiff, but no objections have been filed.

This Court reviews the findings and conclusions of the Magistrate Judge de novo only if a party objects within fourteen days of service of the Report and Recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). In conducting a de novo review, the Court examines the entire record and makes an independent assessment under the law. Douglass v. United Servs. Auto. Ass'n, 79 F.3d 1415, 1430 (5th Cir. 1996) (en banc), superseded on other grounds by statute, 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) (extending the time to file objections from ten to fourteen days).

Here, Plaintiff did not object in the prescribed period. The Court therefore reviews the Magistrate Judge's findings for clear error or abuse of discretion and reviews the legal conclusions to determine whether they are contrary to law. See United States v. Wilson, 864 F.2d 1219, 1221 (5th Cir. 1989), cert. denied, 492 U.S. 918 (1989) (holding that, if no objections to a Magistrate Judge's Report are filed, the standard of review is "clearly erroneous, abuse of discretion and contrary to law").

Having reviewed the Magistrate Judge's Report and the record in this case, the Court finds no clear error or abuse of discretion and no conclusions contrary to law. Accordingly, the Court hereby ADOPTS the Report and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge (Docket No. 41) as the findings of this Court. Defendants' motion to dismiss (Docket No. 31) is GRANTED as to Plaintiff's ADA, HIPAA, and TMRPA claims against the Individual Defendants, and the Court DISMISSES those claims with prejudice. Further, the Court DISMISSES Plaintiff's § 1983 claims against all Defendants with prejudice pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii). Because all pending claims against the Individual Defendants have been dismissed, it is ORDERED that the Individual Defendants are

DISMISSED from the case. Plaintiff's ADA claims against the City of Longview will proceed.

Also pending is an earlier motion to dismiss by Defendants. Docket No. 18.

Because Plaintiff amended his complaint subsequent to that motion, the Court

DENIES the motion to dismiss as moot.

So ORDERED and SIGNED this 26th day of August, 2021.

JEREMY D. KERNODLE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE